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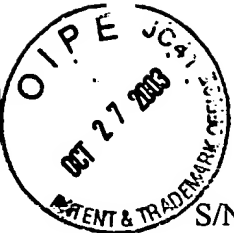
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of July 31, 2003, please consider and enter the following amendments and remarks. Claims 1-5 remain pending in the application.

Amendments to the title begin at page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the claims begin at page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin at page 4 of this paper.

**In the Title**

Please amend the title beginning at page 1, line 1 as follows.

RECORDING/REPRODUCING APPARATUS FOR ~~OPTICAL INFORMATION~~  
RECORDING MEDIUM ~~AND OPTICAL HEAD~~ WITH PLURAL RECORDING LAYERS